

REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the time and consideration that the Examiner has provided in reviewing this Application. By the foregoing amendment, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 4-9, 10 and 17.

In the Office Action dated January 30, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 4-9, under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. In particular, claim 4 was rejected because “‘a data communication facility’ and ‘an organizer device’ (line 2) are vague and indefinite because it is not clear as to whether Applicant is referring to the same as established in claim 1.” Further claims 5-7 were rejected because “‘the navigation device’ (lines 2, respectively) lacks antecedent basis.” Claim 9 was also rejected on antecedent basis grounds. By the above amendments, the Applicant has amended the claims to clarify the invention. Accordingly, in light of the amended claims, the Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections under § 112, second paragraph.

In the Office Action dated January 30, 2002, the Examiner also rejected claim 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Schmier et al. (U.S. 6006,159). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

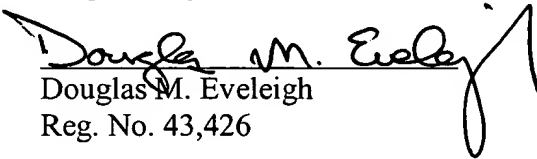
A claim is anticipated under § 102(e) only if each and every element as set forth in a claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. MPEP § 2131. As amended, independent claims 1, 9, 10 and 17 each recite that there is bi-directional communication of system-operational data between the navigation system and the organizer. In contrast, the data stream in Schmier is unidirectional from a vehicle to a prospective passenger. Nothing in Schmier or any of the art of record discloses, teaches or suggests a bi-directional

communication scheme as presently claimed. Accordingly, for this reason alone, all independent claims, as amended, and all claims depending therefrom are patentably distinct from the art of record. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, and in view of the remarks set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration and the timely allowance of all pending claims. By the above amendments, Applicant submits that no new matter has been added to the application. If, for any reason, the application and claims are not in condition for allowance, or any additional information is required, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 701-8738. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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MARKUP VERSION OF CLAIMS TO SHOW AMENDMENTS

1 (Amended) A navigation system provided with various interlinked facilities, comprising a user I/O facility, a route planning facility and a position determining facility, wherein the navigation system is arranged to [physically] interface to a data communication facility pertaining to an organizer device, said organizer device comprising a facility for storing and managing a personal time and place schedule, wherein there is bi-directional communication of system-operational data between said navigation system and said organizer.

4. (Amended). The navigation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said navigation system is physically interfaced to [a] said data communication facility [pertaining to an] of said organizer device.

5.(Amended). The navigation system as claimed in claim 4, wherein said organizer device is integrated into [the] said navigation [device] system.

6. (Amended). The navigation system as claimed in claim 4, wherein said organizer device is connected to [the] said navigation [device] system through fixed interconnection means.

7. (Amended). The navigation system as claimed in claim 4, wherein said organizer device is connected to [the] said navigation [device] system through wireless interconnection means.

8. (Amended). The navigation system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the organizer device functionality is split into a first part that is integrated into [the] said navigation system, and into a second part that is connected to [the] said navigation system through a linking that is external relative to said navigation system.

9.(Amended) [The] A method for operating a vehicle navigation system provided with various interlinked facilities, including a user I/O facility, a route planning facility and a position determining facility, comprising [physically] interfacing the navigation system to a data communication facility pertaining to an organizer device, said organizer device comprising a facility for storing and managing a personal time and place schedule, wherein there is bi-directional communication of system-operational data between said navigation system and said organizer.

10 (Amended). A navigation system comprising a user I/O facility, a route planning facility, and a position determining facility, wherein the navigation system interfaces with a data communication facility of an organizer device, said organizer device comprising a facility for storing and managing a personal time and place schedule, wherein there is bi-directional communication of system-operational data between said navigation system and said organizer.

17 (Amended). A navigation system comprising a user I/O facility, a route planning facility, and a position determining facility, wherein the navigation system interfaces with a data communication facility of an organizer device, said organizer device comprising a facility for storing and managing a personal time and place schedule, wherein there is bi-directional

communication of system-operational data between said navigation system and said organizer,

wherein said organizer device provides diary or timetable data to said navigation system for use in the navigation system's route planning facility, and wherein said organizer device is physically interfaced to said data communication facility of said organizer device.